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H.B. No. 4490

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an exemption from required disclosure of information related to the next of kin of deceased persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 11, Article 49.25, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) The information relating to the next of kin of a decedent is excepted from required public disclosure in accordance with Chapter 552, Government Code, but is subject to disclosure under subpoena or authority of other law.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a request for information that is received by a governmental body or an officer of public information on or after the effective date of this Act. A request for information that was received before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the request was received, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.